## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY



# INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 1100 Commerce Street, MC 4920DAL Dallas, TX 75242

Date: August 6, 2020

**Taxpayer ID Number:** 

Number: 202052027

Release Date: 12/24/2020

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Form:

For Tax Period(s) Ending:

**Person to Contact:** 

**Identification Number:** 

**Telephone Number:** 

Fax Number:

# CERTIFIED MAIL – Return Receipt Requested LAST DAY FOR FILING A PETITION WITH THE TAX COURT:

Dear

This is a final determination that you do not qualify for exemption from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(a) as an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(7) for the tax period(s) above. Your determination letter dated May 19XX is revoked.

Our adverse determination as to your exempt status was made for the following reasons:

During the tax years in question, you did not qualify for exemption as a social club described in IRC section 501(c)(7) because you exceeded the 35% limitation for gross receipts from sources outside your membership; You received all of your gross receipts from investment income.

Organizations that are not exempt under IRC Section 501 generally are required to file federal income tax returns and pay tax, where applicable. For further instructions, forms, and information please visit www.irs.gov.

If you decide to contest this determination, you may file an action for declaratory judgment under the provisions of IRC Section 7428 in one of the following three venues: 1) United States Tax Court, 2) the United States Court of Federal Claims, or 3) the United States District Court for the

District of Columbia. A petition or complaint in one of these three courts must be filed within 90 days from the date this determination was mailed to you. Please contact the clerk of the appropriate court for rules and the appropriate forms for filing petitions for declaratory judgment by referring to the enclosed Publication 892. You may write to the courts at the following addresses:

United States Tax Court 400 Second Street, NW Washington, DC 20217

U.S. Court of Federal Claims 717 Madison Place, NW Washington, DC 20439

U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20001

Processing of income tax returns and assessments of any taxes due will not be delayed if you file a petition for declaratory judgment under IRC Section 7428.

You may be eligible for help from the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS). TAS is an independent organization within the IRS that can help protect your taxpayer rights. TAS can offer you help if your tax problem is causing a hardship, or you've tried but haven't been able to resolve your problem with the IRS. If you qualify for TAS assistance, which is always free, TAS will do everything possible to help you. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov or call 1-877-777- 4778.

Taxpayer Advocate assistance can't be used as substitute for established IRS procedures, formal appeals processes, etc. The Taxpayer Advocate is not able to reverse legal or technically correct tax determination, nor extend the time fixed by law that you have to file a petition in Court. The Taxpayer Advocate can, however, see that a tax matter that may not have been resolved through normal channels gets prompt and proper handling.

You can get any of the forms or publications mentioned in this letter by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676) or visiting our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

Sean E. O'Reilly

Director, EO Examinations

Enclosures: Publication 892



Date:

03/18/2020 Taxpayer ID number:

Form:

Tax periods ended:

Person to contact:

Name:

ID number:

Telephone:

Fax:

Address:

ATTN:

Manager's contact information:

Name:

ID number:

Telephone:

Response due date:

## **CERTIFIED MAIL – Return Receipt Requested**

Dear

## Why you're receiving this letter

We enclosed a copy of our audit report, Form 886-A, Explanation of Items, explaining that we propose to revoke your tax-exempt status as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(7).

## If you agree

If you haven't already, please sign the enclosed Form 6018, Consent to Proposed Action, and return it to the contact person shown at the top of this letter. We'll issue a final adverse letter determining that you aren't an organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(7) for the periods above.

After we issue the final adverse determination letter, we'll announce that your organization is no longer eligible to receive tax deductible contributions under IRC Section 170.

## If you disagree

- 1. Request a meeting or telephone conference with the manager shown at the top of this letter.
- 2. Send any information you want us to consider.
- 3. File a protest with the IRS Appeals Office. If you request a meeting with the manager or send additional information as stated in 1 and 2, above, you'll still be able to file a protest with IRS Appeals Office after the meeting or after we consider the information.

The IRS Appeals Office is independent of the Exempt Organizations division and resolves most disputes informally. If you file a protest, the auditing agent may ask you to sign a consent to extend the period of limitations for assessing tax. This is to allow the IRS Appeals Office enough time to consider your case. For your protest to be valid, it must contain certain specific information, including a statement of the facts, applicable law, and arguments in support of your position. For specific information needed for a valid protest, refer to Publication 892, How to Appeal an IRS Determination on Tax-Exempt Status.

Fast Track Mediation (FTM) referred to in Publication 3498, The Examination Process, generally doesn't apply now that we've issued this letter.

4. Request technical advice from the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt Government Entities) if you feel the issue hasn't been addressed in published precedent or has been treated inconsistently by the IRS.

If you're considering requesting technical advice, contact the person shown at the top of this letter. If you disagree with the technical advice decision, you will be able to appeal to the IRS Appeals Office, as explained above. A decision made in a technical advice memorandum, however, generally is final and binding on Appeals.

## If we don't hear from you

If you don't respond to this proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we'll issue a final adverse determination letter.

## Contacting the Taxpayer Advocate Office is a taxpayer right

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If you have questions, you can contact the person shown at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

Jerry Morrow, for

Maria Hooke

Director, Exempt Organizations

Examinations

Enclosures:

Form 886-A

Form 6018

Form <b>886A</b>	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service  Explanation of Items	
Name of Taxpay	er	Year/Period Ended 06/30/20XX 06/30/20XX

#### **ISSUE**

Whether (" ") continues to qualify for exemption under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(7)?

## **FACTS**

is exempt as an organization described in IRC section 501(c)(7) as a social club. was granted exemption to operate a fraternity at

has not conducted any social fraternity activities since the sale of its house in 20XX. Due to this inactivity, only source of revenue in tax years 06/30/20XX and 06/30/20XX was investment income. reported all of its investment income on Form 990-T as income subject to unrelated business income tax ("UBIT").

#### **LAW**

IRC section 501(c)(7) exempts from federal income tax clubs organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes.

Prior to its amendment in 1976, IRC section 501(c)(7) required that social clubs be operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofitable purposes. Public Law 94-568 amended the "exclusive" provision to read "substantially' in order to allow an IRC section 501(c)(7) organization to receive up to 35% of its gross receipts, including investment income, from sources outside its membership without losing its tax exempt status.

## **GOVERNMENT POSITION**

During the tax years in question, did not qualify for exemption as a social club described in IRC section 501(c)(7) because it exceeded the 35% limitation for gross receipts from sources outside its membership; received all of its gross receipts from investment income.

## CONCLUSION

did not meet the requirements for exemption under IRC section 501(c)(7) because it received all of its gross receipts from sources outside its membership (investment income). Public Law 94-568 provides that social clubs may receive no more than 35% of their gross receipts from sources outside their membership.

Consequently, we are proposing that your exempt status under IRC section 501(c)(7) be revoked for tax years ended 06/30/20XX and 06/30/20XX.

If you agree, please sign Form 6018 and return it to my office.

If you disagree, please prepare a formal protest letter per the instructions provided in Publications 892 and 3498.